

Appl. No. : 10/804803
Applicants : Peter J.A. Tijm et al.
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PLANT FOR CONVERTING NATURAL
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PETITION FOR LICENSE-CORRESPONDING U.S. APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 5.14

Sir:

I. PETITION

Petition is hereby made, in duplicate, for a license under 36 C.F.R. 5.12 and 5.14 for the foreign filing of the subject matter for which a corresponding U.S. patent application has been filed as identified above. A complete copy of the above-identified application, as filed, is attached to this Petition. It is requested that the duplicate copy of the petition be returned with a license or other action on this Petition.

II. IDENTIFICATION OF INVENTORS, TITLE OF INVENTION AND SHORT STATEMENT AS TO THE NATURE OF THE INVENTION.

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Title of the Invention:

MODIFICATION OF A METHANOL PLANT FOR CONVERTING NATURAL GAS TO LIQUID HYDROCARBONS

It is sincerely believed that this invention is clearly of no interest from a security standpoint, as it relates to the modification of existing equipment previously used for producing methanol from natural gas into equipment which is to be used for producing liquid hydrocarbons from natural gas. The present invention allows existing but idle (basically commercially useless)

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methanol plants to be refurbished and modified for use in producing valuable and much needed liquid hydrocarbon products (e.g. diesel). The basic equipment used in the invention is known and is available internationally with the novelty of the present invention lying in the how existing equipment is assembled and operated to produce a different product. Accordingly, the present invention is merely an novel extension of the natural gas processing technology which is already available to the international community and ,as such, should not present any security issues.

Neither a filing receipt nor an Office action have been received for the above-identified patent application as of this date.

III. EXPEDITED HANDLING

Expedited handling of this Petition for License is requested.

The Commission for Patents is hereby authorized to charge the petition of \$130, 37 C.F.R. 1.17(h), and any other fees due for this Petition or credit any fee overpayment relating to this Petition to the undersigned **Deposit Account No. 060255.**

Respectfully submitted,

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